

The Birds Of The Cross. 239

Go ! Belgian, Turk, and Muscovite !

Go ! Tyranny of Spain !

Go ! ye red hands, that hold no right !

Go ! scaffold, knout, and chain !

Go ! ye who stir the heart to hate,—

Trimmers and hypocrites of State,
Who brew, while ye must dread, the storm,
And promise what ye ne'er perform !
The wind of God begins to blow,—

Go,—go,—go !

Be not Revenge the Hero's cry,—

Tis Mercy bears the rod ;

Truth cometh downward from on high,

And Justice is of God.

He wills no Slave to tread His field ;

No base blood blisters on His shield ;

His stainless Flag goes floating o'er

The gladdening seas, from shore to shore ;

He bids the foes of Liberty

To flee,—flee,—flee !

ENVOY

TO MY BOOK,

O thou, th' eternal way, unseen, unknown,
Where oft my Hopes, and oft my Fears
have flown ;
Where Dreams have paled to crumbling nothingness,
And Art is perished in the vast abyss !
What matters Lethe's wave a thought more
nigh
Thee than another ?—All are born to die.